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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

1. ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, EMBOFF MET WITH ANDRE JACOMET TO REVIEW CURRENT STATUS OF THIS SUBJECT. JACOMET SAID THAT A LETTER FROM ZIA TO GISCARD HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHICH WAS LONG, CAREFULLY WRITTEN, OBVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL RELEASE AND ALLUDED TO THREATS. THE LETTER INSISTED ON A CHANGE IN THE FRENCH DECISION TO CANCEL THE PLANT AS THE FRENCH DECISION TO CANCEL THE PLANT WOULD HAVE A GREAT IMPACT IN PAKISTAN; THE LETTER DID NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

THE FRENCH DECISION WAS NOT CHANGED.

2. JACOMET SAID THAT HE HAD PRESENTED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH HIS MINISTER TO PRESIDENT GISCARD WHICH WERE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. THE US (NEWSOM) HAS STATED WHAT IT COULD DO TO ASSIST PAKISTAN IN THE FUTURE ONCE THE REPROCESSING PLANT IS OUT OF THE WAY. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST PAKISTAN. JACOMET HAS TOLD THE GOP THAT FRANCE WOULD CANCEL THE CONTRACT BUT HE
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DID NOT GO INTO MUCH DETAIL ON WHAT FRANCE COULD DO IN COOPERATING WITH PAKISTAN ONCE THE CONTRACT WAS CANCELLED. THUS, JACOMET PROPOSES AN ENVOY OF PRESIDENT GISCARD SHOULD BE SENT TO ISLAMABAD TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE, INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRANCE TO ASSIST PAKISTAN IN ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENT. IF GISCARD AGREES TO THIS APPROACH, HE WOULD

PROVIDE A SHORT RESPONSE TO ZIA WHICH WOULD NOT DEBATE
THE VARIOUS POINTS IN ZIA'S LETTER BUT WOULD INDICATE

FRENCH SERIOUS CONCERN FOR NON-PROLIFERATION AS
WELL AS THE FUTURE HEALTH OF PAKISTAN AND FOR THAT
REASON HE WAS DISPATCHING A SENIOR ENVOY TO
ISLAMABAD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

3. JACOMET HOPED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD WOULD MAKE
HIS DECISION VERY SOON AS JACOMET FEARS THAT THE GOP
WILL MAKE PUBLIC ZIA'S LETTER AND THE FRENCH WOULD BE
ILL-PREPARED TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. JACOMET NOTED
THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD HAD ADVISED
THAT HE FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT ZIA
WOULD BE SILENT ON THIS MATTER FOR ANY LENGTH OF
TIME.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ISLAMABAD.
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